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## Mississippi Catfish Sales Up 11 Percent

Mississippi Catfish growers had sales of 218 million dollars during 2010, up 11 percent from the previous year. Producers sold 257 million pounds of **foodsize** catfish in 2010, with a value of 198 million dollars. The average price received by farmers was 77 cents per pound, up 4 cents per pound from 2009. Catfish operations in Mississippi had 90.6 million foodsize fish on hand January 1, 2011, down

36 percent from the previous year. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.60 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 28.0 million medium foodsize (over 1 ½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 60.0 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish). **Fingerlings** totaled 410 million fish, up 27 percent from January 1, 2010, and producers had 330,000 **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2011, down 3 percent. The number of **stockers** on hand January 1, 2011, totaled 217 million fish, down 12 percent from the previous year. Data for catfish production are collected from all known catfish producers by mail, telephone, and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface Acres Used for Production, 2010-2011 and Total Sales, 2009-2010, by State and United States

State	Number of Operations on January 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During January 1 – June 30		Total Sales	
	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2011 <sup>1</sup>	2010	2011	2009	2010
	Number		Acres		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama			19,800	19,200	90,688	107,459
Arkansas			19,200	13,200	44,914	40,777
California			1,800	1,700	8,074	6,887
Louisiana			1,800	1,500	8,395	5,994
<b>Mississippi</b>			<b>64,000</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>196,787</b>	<b>217,774</b>
North Carolina			1,900	1,900	5,495	5,273
Texas			2,900	2,900	12,644	13,023
Other States <sup>2</sup>			3,700	3,700	5,570	5,397
United States	994	909	115,100	99,600	372,567	402,584

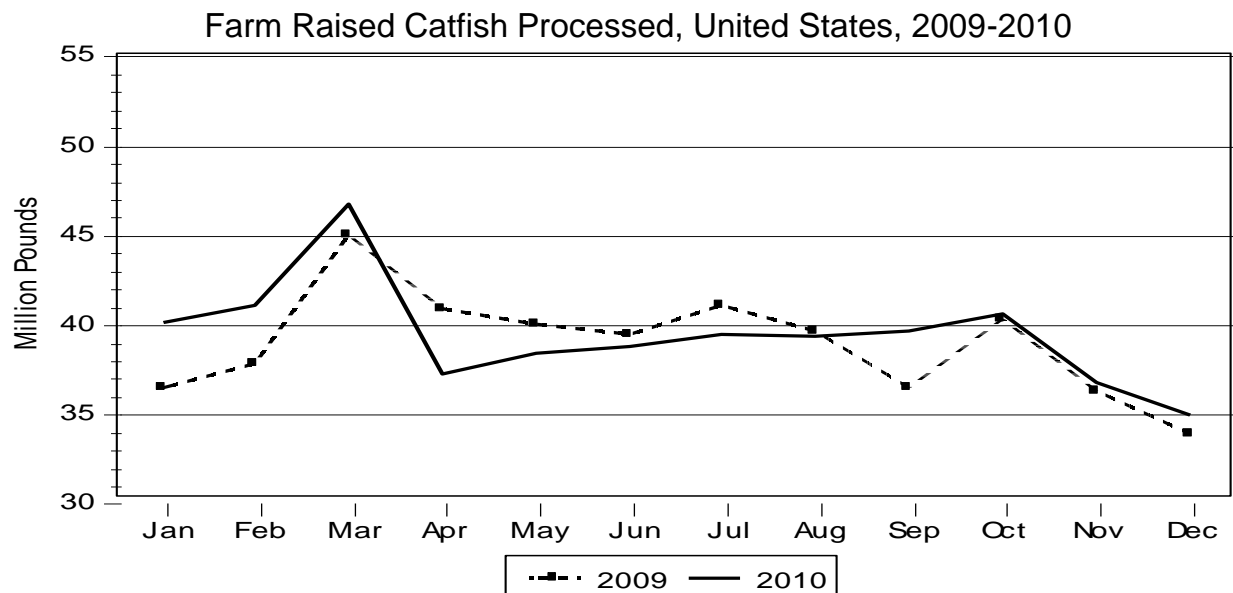
<sup>1</sup> State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

## Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State and United States, 2009-2011

State	Acres Intended for Utilization January 1 – June 30 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jul 1-Dec 31, Previous Year
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
Acres						
2010						
Alabama	19,200	380	120	120	30	370
Arkansas	16,600	2,200	250	570		2,200
California	1,400	190	80	70	*	*
Louisiana	1,700	50		10		2,800
Mississippi	52,000	9,700	1,300	2,100	50	3,500
North Carolina	1,600	200	50	90	*	40
Texas	2,600	190	70	85	50	135
Other States <sup>1</sup>	1,900	1,300	370	65	10	560
United States	97,000	14,210	2,240	3,110	140	9,605
Acres						
2011						
Alabama	18,400	460	120	240	10	870
Arkansas	10,500	2,000	280	220		3,000
California	1,400	180	60	*	*	
Louisiana	1,400	*		10		*
Mississippi	43,500	9,100	1,300	2,300		5,600
North Carolina	1,600	170	60	40	10	70
Texas	2,600	100	90	200	80	290
Other States <sup>1</sup>	1,400	1,250	330	150	25	420
United States	80,800	13,260	2,240	3,150	125	10,250

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**Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales, by Category, State  
and United States, 2009-2010**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight Total		Value of Sales		Average Price Per Pound	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
<b>Foodsize</b>								
Alabama	66,600	73,700	128,900	137,700	90,230	106,029	0.70	0.77
Arkansas	31,200	26,000	58,100	49,400	42,994	38,038	0.74	0.77
California	2,550	2,110	3,400	3,100	7,820	6,603	2.30	2.13
Louisiana	4,660	4,040	11,500	7,400	8,395	5,994	0.73	0.81
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>146,000</b>	<b>143,000</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>257,400</b>	<b>181,770</b>	<b>198,198</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.77</b>
North Carolina	3,120	3,250	6,150	5,850	5,166	4,856	0.84	0.83
Texas	10,500	10,300	16,100	16,000	12,558	12,960	0.78	0.81
Other States <sup>1</sup>	1,680	1,020	2,800	2,000	3,080	2,400	1.10	1.20
United States	266,310	263,420	475,950	478,850	352,013	375,078	0.74	0.78
<b>Broodfish</b>								
Alabama	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arkansas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
California	2	*	13	*	32	*	2.46	*
Louisiana	*		*		*		*	
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>*</b>
North Carolina		*		*		*		*
Texas	1	*	2	*	2	*	1.17	*
Other States <sup>1</sup>	15	70	69	349	53	333	0.77	0.95
United States	43	70	184	349	174	333	0.95	0.95
<b>Stockers</b>								
Alabama	490	970	280	630	202	1,260	0.72	2.00
Arkansas	*	16,900	*	2,000	*	1,960	*	0.98
California								
Louisiana								
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.44</b>
North Carolina								
Texas	130	*	20	*	22	*	1.08	*
Other States <sup>1</sup>	17,790	7,110	2,657	1,279	2,626	1,988	0.99	1.55
United States	58,480	70,980	7,457	9,909	7,485	13,848	1.00	1.40
<b>Fingerlings &amp; Fry</b>								
Alabama	3,800	3,040	95	60	253	157	2.66	2.62
Arkansas	29,100	*	272	*	541	*	1.99	*
California	1,300	*	73	*	222	*	3.04	*
Louisiana								
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>10,295</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.40</b>
North Carolina	3,200	*	190	*	329	*	1.73	*
Texas	1,270	400	65	20	62	33	0.96	1.63
Other States <sup>1</sup>	14,700	24,440	481	849	1,193	2,355	2.48	2.77
United States	255,370	260,880	8,276	8,629	12,895	13,325	1.56	1.54

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Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State and United States,  
January 1, 2010-2011

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per Fish	
<b>Large Foodsize</b>						
Alabama	2,400	2,000	8,500	7,000	3.5	3.5
Arkansas	1,190	440	4,300	1,490	3.6	3.4
California	100	32	340	114	3.4	3.6
Louisiana	380	120	1,300	360	3.4	3.0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>
North Carolina	230	490	740	1,610	3.2	3.3
Texas	<b>340</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Other States <sup>1</sup>	130	80	442	279	3.4	3.5
United States	8,570	6,212	29,712	20,923	3.5	3.4
<b>Medium Foodsize</b>						
Alabama	30,400	14,600	56,400	28,900	1.9	2.0
Arkansas	11,300	4,980	21,700	9,500	1.9	1.9
California	470	760	940	1,520	2.0	2.0
Louisiana	830	810	1,670	1,330	2.0	1.6
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>42,700</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>82,800</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
North Carolina	1,900	1,550	4,000	2,850	2.1	1.8
Texas	3,440	3,290	6,700	6,050	1.9	1.8
Other States <sup>1</sup>	750	340	1,440	674	1.9	2.0
United States	91,790	54,330	175,650	105,824	1.9	1.9
<b>Small Foodsize</b>						
Alabama	42,500	31,400	44,800	31,300	1.1	1.0
Arkansas	19,400	15,400	19,700	15,900	1.0	1.0
California	2,380	1,940	2,150	1,750	0.9	0.9
Louisiana	1,310	1,010	1,220	990	0.9	1.0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>93,500</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
North Carolina	3,040	2,900	3,850	3,400	1.3	1.2
Texas	5,190	2,150	5,050	2,180	1.0	1.0
Other States <sup>1</sup>	1,210	1,160	1,010	1,460	0.8	1.3
United States	169,030	115,960	171,280	116,980	1.0	1.0
<b>Broodfish</b>						
Alabama	10	30	73	120	7.3	4.0
Arkansas	50	45	212	183	4.2	4.1
California	19	9	101	60	5.3	6.7
Louisiana	*		*		*	
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>
North Carolina	11	13	75	93	6.8	7.2
Texas	20	30	120	130	6.0	4.3
Other States <sup>1</sup>	86	40	478	232	5.6	5.8
United States	536	497	2,959	2,568	5.5	5.2

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January 1, 2010-2011**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<b>1,000</b>		<b>1,000 Pounds</b>		<b>Pounds per Fish</b>	
<b>Large Stockers</b>						
Alabama	21,000	45,300	10,200	14,800	486	327
Arkansas	19,100	19,600	7,550	7,350	395	375
California	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>87,000</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>437</b>
North Carolina	5,070	2,770	3,150	1,800	621	650
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States <sup>1</sup>	4,120	3,800	1,450	1,416	352	373
United States	152,290	158,470	66,550	63,366	437	400
<b>Small Stockers</b>						
Alabama	25,700	50,500	2,900	4,500	112.8	89.1
Arkansas	33,100	32,500	3,250	3,000	98.2	92.3
California	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>144,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>103.1</b>
North Carolina	350	3,260	38	450	108.6	138.0
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States <sup>1</sup>	10,650	6,630	1,009	697	94.7	105.1
United States	213,800	222,890	21,297	22,047	99.6	98.9
<b>Fingerlings</b>						
Alabama	23,400	54,000	1,250	2,300	53.4	42.6
Arkansas	44,200	82,600	1,700	3,350	38.5	40.6
California	5,160	4,980	190	188	36.8	37.8
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>323,000</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>39.8</b>
North Carolina	8,000	3,320	230	100	28.8	30.1
Texas	10,300	2,550	490	80	47.6	31.4
Other States <sup>1</sup>	15,530	11,540	685	319	44.1	27.6
United States	429,590	568,990	15,045	22,637	35.0	39.8

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**Catfish: Foodsize & Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,  
by State and United States, 2009-2010**

State and State Category	Processors		Recreational Stocking		Live Haulers and Brokers		Retail Outlets		Other Outlets	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010

**Percent**

**Foodsize**

Alabama	95	99	1		1		1		2	1
Arkansas	95	93	*	*	5	6	*	*	*	*
California		*	13	*	22	28	53	45	12	13
Louisiana	95	93	5	*						*
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Carolina	95	96	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Texas	83	82	1	1	15	8		*	1	1
Other States <sup>1</sup>	14	3	27	15	15	1	3	12	41	69
United States <sup>2</sup>	93.9	94.8	1.1	0.4	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.4	2.3

State and Size Category	Wholesale to Other Producers		Recreational Stocking		Live Haulers and Brokers		Government Agencies		Other Outlets	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010

**Percent**

**Stocker**

Alabama	97	97	1	1	1	1			1	1
Arkansas	89	74		*	11	*		*		*
California <sup>3</sup>										
Louisiana <sup>3</sup>										
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>99</b>	*						*	<b>1</b>	
North Carolina	*		*							
Texas	88	*	*	*	*					
Other States <sup>1</sup>	40	79	1	6	57	13	1	2	1	
United States <sup>2</sup>	86.9	82.5	0.2	4.9	11.9	10.6	0.2	1.9	0.8	0.1

Blanks represent zero.

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<sup>1</sup> Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

<sup>2</sup> Sum of US Point of First Sale by outlet may not add to 100 percent.

<sup>3</sup> No stocker sales reported in 2009 or 2010.

## United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, December 2009-2010

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price <sup>1</sup>		Ending Inventory	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
<b>Fresh</b>						
Whole Fish	2,461	2,434	1.57	1.71	114	134
Fillets	3,038	3,038	3.19	3.32	356	290
Other	611	570	1.67	1.77	44	92
Total Fresh	6,110	6,042	2.39	2.52	514	516
<b>Frozen</b>						
Whole Fish	506	548	2.22	2.34	713	934
Fillets	7,138	7,486	2.91	3.06	10,169	7,550
Other	2,800	2,774	1.54	1.58	3,060	3,325
Total Frozen	10,444	10,808	2.51	2.64	13,942	11,809
Total Fresh & Frozen	16,554	16,850	2.46	2.60	14,456	12,325

<sup>1</sup> Gross value f.o.b plant.

## United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid by Producers, United States, 2009-2010

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound <sup>1</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2009	2010
	2009	2010	2009	2010		
January	36,406	40,042	36,406	40,042	.810	.764
February	37,702	40,977	74,108	81,019	.770	.765
March	44,912	46,650	119,020	127,669	.773	.785
April	40,768	37,111	159,788	164,780	.763	.804
May	39,925	38,244	199,713	203,024	.762	.796
June	39,370	38,656	239,083	241,680	.763	.786
July	40,966	39,302	280,049	280,982	.771	.788
August	39,490	39,231	319,539	320,213	.769	.790
September	36,408	39,494	355,947	359,707	.772	.816
October	40,191	40,455	396,138	400,162	.768	.832
November	36,211	36,683	432,349	436,845	.765	.841
December	33,751	34,837	466,100	471,682	.763	.861

<sup>1</sup> Quantity processed by major processors and the prices paid for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling. Price also includes any discounts or premiums for size or quality, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

## Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2009-2010

Month	Imports <sup>1</sup>				Exports <sup>1</sup>			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total <sup>2</sup>		Fresh		Frozen	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
1,000 Pounds								
January	2,344	3,091	9,819	14,612	87.0	90.4	0.0	26.4
February	1,225	2,150	6,527	10,421	65.1	58.2	0.0	33.8
March	972	1,179	8,942	7,608	65.1	165.8	50.6	16.5
April	1,364	1,220	8,548	8,804	47.5	39.5	12.8	28.8
May	1,659	656	11,592	9,971	79.1	47.3	14.2	20.5
June	1,088	651	10,577	10,293	63.8	34.2	21.4	14.9
July	1,849	516	10,765	10,268	68.6	39.5	20.5	29.7
August	1,210	70	11,711	9,957	91.8	45.4	12.4	3.3
September	1,385	195	12,541	11,626	50.6	38.6	17.7	16.4
October	1,584	196	13,857	15,046	138.0	72.5	43.4	20.3
November	2,144	586	12,783	12,032	59.1	40.8	30.2	6.6
December	2,527		11,718		63.1		56.3	

<sup>1</sup> Data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.